

OBSTRUCTIONS TO NAVIGATION IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

LETTER
FROM
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

A letter from the Chief of Engineers submitting a copy of the report of the Board of Engineers appointed by the President, under authority contained in the river and harbor act of July 13, 1892, as to obstructions to navigation in the Columbia River.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., August 9, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, dated June 9, 1893, submitting a copy of a report of a Board of Engineers appointed by the President of the United States, under authority contained in the river and harbor act approved July 13, 1892, "to thoroughly examine the obstructions to navigation in the Columbia River, in that portion from the navigable waters thereof below Three Mile Rapids to the navigable waters above the Celilo Falls, and report as soon as they conveniently can to the Secretary of War such plan for overcoming or removing said obstructions as in their opinion is most feasible and best adapted to the necessities of commerce."

Very respectfully,

DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, D. C., June 9, 1893.

SIR: Under authority contained in the river and harbor act approved July 13, 1892, the President appointed a Board of Engineers, consisting of Col. G. H. Mendell, Lieut. Col. O. R. Suter, Lieut. Col. W. R. King,

and Maj. Chas. J. Allen, of the Corps of Engineers, and civil engineers Wm. R. Hutton, E. Porter Alexander, and Virgil G. Bogue, to thoroughly examine the obstructions to navigation in the Columbia River, in that portion from the navigable waters below Three Mile Rapids to the navigable waters above Celilo Falls, and report such plan for overcoming or removing said obstructions as in their opinion is most feasible and best adapted to the necessities of commerce.

The report of this board, dated April 12, 1893, has just reached this office, and I have the honor to submit the accompanying copy, with the view to its transmission to Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOS. LINCOLN CASEY,
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers.

HON. DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.

[NOTE.—The Report of the Board of Engineers has been printed as Senate Executive Document No. 7, Fifty-third Congress, first session.]

